(i) *To substitute '3 p. m.' for '3-30 p. m.' in Standing Order No. 14 (i).*

(ii) *To add the following words after the 'Standing Order No. 6 (2):—'for every meeting.'*

(iii) *To substitute the word 'President' for the word 'Diwan' wherever the latter occurs in Standing Order No. 6 (1).*

(iv) *Add the following Standing Order after Standing Order No. 53 and number it as 54 (a) and re-number Standing Order No. 54 as 54 (b):—" When the President resolves to disallow a resolution, he shall, prior to such disallowance, call upon the Member giving notice of the resolution to show cause why the resolution should not be disallowed."*

President.—Any more motions ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—No, Sir.

The President's concluding speech.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the House, the last item in the statement of business of this day, which brings the legislative session of 1102 to a close, is the concluding remarks of the President, and I shall be very brief in the remarks that I am going to offer.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before your concluding speech, I have to say a few words about resolutions, if you will allow it.

President.—You can speak after I have finished.

This session has been eventful in more ways than one, but I refer only to one of those events, and that is the formation of the Progressive Party by certain non-official Members of this Council. The idea was conceived and carried out at the last meeting, and it has been functioning on the occasion of this meeting. I welcome such a party, and I am glad of the assurance held out by the Leader of the Party that it is not a party in opposition, but that it is a party for the progressive administration of the State. (*Hear, hear.*)

Well, now and then, there were remarks made that this was a party of opposition. Then their Leader, Dr. Govinda Menon, made the correction by saying that it was not intended to be a party of opposition, but a party for progress. In that view of the matter, we are not in disagreement with the Progressive Party, and the Government can as well associate itself with the Progressive Party, for the Government is also equally for progress and not for stagnation an retrogression. And in that view of the matter also, the so-called "Independents"—I heard that expression only this afternoon—can also associate with the Progressive Party. So it virtually comes to this, that there will be no party at all. Well, I do not want to say that. But there is one effect contributed by the formation of this Party, and that accounts for the getting through of a large amount of business

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at this meeting. Before the constitution of this Party almost all the non-official Members used to speak on any subject under discussion before this House. Now, the Progressive Party has so arranged—at any rate, I can see by the result—that only certain Members should speak, and the others should not speak. That saves a lot of time, and I am particularly grateful for this reasonable conception of the Progressive Party. (*Hear, hear.*)

If all the non-official Members were to speak on the subject, and if I am to allow the usual time, we may not get through the business allotted for the meeting. But since they have regulated their speeches, and since they have also arranged as to who all should speak on a specified subject, it has considerably saved the time of the Council. Not that there is much in all the Members rising to speak on any subject, but in many cases it will be only repetitions. One or two Members would have dealt with all the main points and threshed out the whole thing; the other Members have to simply repeat what has been said already. Well, in that view of the matter, I appreciate the formation of the Party, and I sincerely expect that that Party will help us in carrying on the progressive administration of the State, which is the key note of the policy of the Government. (*Hear, hear.*) In this view of the matter, I do not see any reason why the official Leader of the House, Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, and his colleagues may not associate with the Members of the Progressive Party, and help the Council for carrying on its legitimate duties. (*Hear, hear.*)

So far as questions are concerned, 589 questions were admitted. Of these 515 were answered, leaving 74 unanswered. It gives us a percentage of 87·4. It was my desire—of course, all desires are not usually accomplished—to attain cent per cent result. It has not been found possible, either on account of some questions coming late, or on account of the Government not agreeing with the views of the President and other difficulties.

So far as resolutions are concerned—I do not know what Dr. Govinda Menon was about to say on the subject, but I will give him an opportunity to say at the close of my speech what he has to say, because he wanted to say something after I rose to make my speech and proceeded to some length—the number of resolutions admitted is 41, the number taken up 10, and the number not taken up 31. Of the 10 resolutions taken up 4 were considered withdrawn, the movers being absent. One was withdrawn by the leave of the Council after moving, 3 were passed after discussion, one was accepted by the Government after discussion, and one lost after discussion. That is the net result under the head of "Resolutions". I note that, although so many

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resolutions, a good number, 41 in all, were tabled for discussion, we were able to take up ten only, and that is because we gave precedence to the consideration of the Bills. This being the legislative session, the Bills occupied the first place, and unless and until we have got through the consideration of the Bills, we will not be justified in passing on to the resolutions. Nevertheless, I allotted two days for the consideration of resolutions, and I think on one day it was not possible to carry on the discussion of the resolutions.

Then, our greatest achievement is in the matter of Bills. The number of Bills dealt with, in some stage or other, during this session is 17, of which 5 were Government Bills and 12 non-official Bills. Of the 17 Bills for the session, 8 were passed by the Council, two were referred to the Select Committee—and including the one of to-day, three were referred to the Select Committee—one postponed for consideration at a future meeting and one moved and lost, and to-day we have given leave for the introduction of the Legislative Council Members' Exemption Bill, and the Cochin Cow Protection Bill. That is the net result of our legislative activity during this session, and I think it is an achievement for which we can take credit. And as far as possible, I find that our time has been utilised to the best advantage of the Council, and it has not been always possible for me to adhere to the time-limit which the Council has authorised to me to impose, because in the discussion of the important questions it will be absolutely necessary to deviate from the rule to some extent; especially in connection with the Cochin Medical Relief Bill, we have spent considerable time, and as I pointed out yesterday, the discussion was on the whole very useful. I have nothing more to say in proroguing the Council, but I wish to express the hope that it will be my great pleasure to welcome you all at the ensuing budget session, and I hope that you will be able to cordially help us in getting through that eventful session. I expect to meet you all in a such and hearty condition. I now prorogue the session, subject to this that I allow a few minutes for Dr. A. Govinda Menon to speak.

Dr. A. G. Menon's reply on behalf on the Progressive Party.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, we are very thankful to you for recognising our party and for your kind reference to it in your concluding speech. As you have said that the key note of the Government policy is progress, I need not say, Sir, that the same is the key-note of our party. Our motto is progress. We are not an opposition party merely. We want to see that our

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